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Welcome to the New Year! Welcome to 2020! The champagne bubbles and confetti have all settled—*unless your New Year's Eve party is **still** going on—* and most of us are returning to work on a short week. No matter how extensive your celebration may have been while awaiting the dropping of the ball in the Big Apple, you most likely didn't paint the town red. And, if in fact you *did* paint the town red, you most certainly didn't burn down York Minster while you were at it. That most unfortunate act belongs to the rather eccentric Jonathan Martin, who set fire to the choir in 1829, destroying a portion of the old English church, garnering him a sentence to an insane asylum—*his third stint*—for the remainder of his life. In light of this arson, many reliquary snuff boxes were produced from wood salvaged among the ruins. While most of these containers—*utilized for holding crushed tobacco that would be snuffed by their user*—feature a more generic design on their lids, we are kicking off this year with quite an unusual and interesting aberration...



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On this awesome piece, a central silver medallion—*roughly the size of a silver dollar*—offers a tremendously expressive engraving representing the three phases of Martin the arsonist—first in the past (*as a preacher wandering the streets*); second in the present (*as a criminal clad in shackles*); third in the future (*as a lifeless body hanging from the gallows*). Though exceedingly ghastly, this depiction perfectly summarizes the feelings which his fellow countrymen had for him following this most ignominious, incendiary act.



Moving on to more contemporary issues, trade negotiations are seemingly omnipresent these days, with NAFTA—the *darling agreement of the '90's*—taking center stage. Congress has recently passed an updated version, the rather unimaginatively named United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (or USMCA for short), hoping to address some of the areas in which NAFTA is believed to have caused problems for American businesses and workers. Time will tell whether this update will have the desired effects upon protecting the domestic product and workforce in a better way, but what can be certain is that we here at **Numismagram** will continue to offer medallic art and exonomia that knows no borders, be it *Canadian*, like this rare aluminum plaque commemorating the “first great men of Canada...”



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...or American, like this interesting repoussé pop-out with the facing bust of Teddy Roosevelt over a 1903 Barber half dollar...



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...or even Mexican, like this extraordinary love token with the “Old Church at Tijuana” engraved on an Alamos mint 25 centavos...

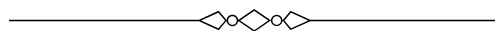


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In addition to these alluring pieces, this month's upload contains a pleasing *Libertas Americana* token from 1876, three *rechenpfennigen* from 17th century Germany, an absolutely blazing medal issued for the Apollo 11 mission and Moon landing, a couple Karl Goetz satirical bronze medals, a few attractive Art Deco pieces, and some other alluring types...



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Lastly, be sure to check out numerous items discounted a good deal from their previous prices by clicking on the "**New Year's Sale!**"

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Note: For the time being, some technical issues are preventing the sorting options from appearing. These categories (*previously located on the left hand panel*) allowed users to condense their search to specific themes, topics, and countries. In the coming month, we will be adding a feature similar to it, so that functionality will reappear, and hopefully work even better. Correspondingly, some technical issues are currently causing a glitch with the "Load More" button when clicked. More items will load, but some users may be taken to the top of the page. Simply refresh and that should cause the button to work as normal while continuing to navigate on the page.

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